

## **Cedar Creek Golf Club News April 2020**

Spring is here and with favorable temps following earlier application of herbicide and fertilizer the course is turning green again. The course is in excellent condition thanks to Gary's and his crew's efforts and particularly their work completed during late-year 2019 and early this year. Greens are being mowed regularly and mowing elsewhere as needed is underway soon to be more frequent. In addition, the greens have been top dressed to maintain their base and promote growth.

### **Feel good – play The Creek!**

While work goes on around the course Gary is dealing to a degree with competing priorities, namely day-to-day course maintenance and at the same time efforts underway to complete clubhouse campus work. Speaking of which, good progress is being made. The new putting green is fully outlined and ready to be installed, and the croquet court is defined and graded as well in preparation for the addition of "base" prior to its sprigging. It will be a number of weeks however before both are grown in and available for use.



Ordinary everyday play at The Creek continues much as usual. However, most if not all tournaments, outings and other events of the like have been cancelled or postponed indefinitely. Organized group play will occur at the discretion and consensus of the group leaders and members. Precautions previously announced have been implemented at the course and attendant facilities, and all hopefully are aware of the need to follow guidance and practices mandated by government and health authorities. That said, it seems odd the customary post-round handshake or hug must be foregone. Off the course our daily routines have been affected in ways we hardly imagined. Forget about toilet paper; who thought you wouldn't be able to get a McDonald's bacon, egg & cheese biscuit all day as has customarily been available?

The Cedar Creek session of the Hook-a-Kid on Golf clinic has been re-scheduled from June to the week of July 20-24 in the hope health concerns will allow it to be held then. If you have out-of-town youngsters enrolled for this year's clinic please note the change of dates. The entire clinic schedule and more information are available on the Aiken Junior Sports Association web page. Do check it from time to time to learn the latest and plan accordingly:

<http://www.aikenjuniorsports.org/index.html>

The pro shop has a nice selection of spring and summer merchandise. Check it out – there's something for everyone.

Although a fox was sighted recently it doesn't appear they've taken up residence yet again. More significant, however, is snakes have emerged from hibernation. Keep an eye out!

Finally, now that spring and warmer weather is with us again, it's time for another reminder regarding non-golfers (residents) walking the course. In short, it is strongly and emphatically discouraged. While the "rule" has been walkers may frequent the course prior to 7:30 a.m. it is inadvisable even then as the maintenance crew must not be distracted or inhibited from performing its early morning work. Most importantly, when golfers are on the course it is not infrequent that a ball may take an unplanned and unforeseen trajectory which if it should impact an unwelcome walker it is certain to cause injury and potentially very serious injury. Be reminded also that the course incurs no responsibility whatsoever for those who put themselves in harm's way. Feel free to share this reminder with those you know who may ultimately regret being on the course when play is in progress.